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Subject: Blythe request for comment on congressional letter ref. IB timeline

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FYI,

Blythe Bernhard, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, has asked if EPA has any comment on the congressional letter we received Friday. The letter is attached. It requests a timeline for the IB construction.

Our answers to Blythe:

We received the letter Friday and will provide a timely response back to the congressional delegation.

EPA Region 7's work remains focused on the isolation barrier and the final remedy for the West Lake Superfund Site.

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

July 17, 2014

Karl Brooks
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U.S. EPA Region 7
11201 Renner Blvd.
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Dear Dr. Brooks:

We are writing in regard to West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, Missouri. First, thank you for your agency's continued work towards a solution at West Lake and your responsiveness to the affected community. Recent reports regarding the potential presence of radiological material in areas outside the landfill, such as at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex, have been troubling. Therefore we have been pleased that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is conducting additional soil testing, which will provide a clear picture of any potential health and environmental risks and give local residents the information they deserve. We will be closely monitoring the findings.

While these efforts are appreciated, we remain concerned by the lack of a clear timeline for completion of the proposed isolation barrier to separate the subsurface smoldering event in the Bridgeton Landfill from the radioactively impacted portion of the West Lake Landfill. Though it is critical that the best science continue to guide the design and implementation of this barrier, residents living and working nearby deserve to know when they can expect to see progress made. As such, we ask that the EPA provide a detailed summary as to when this project will be completed.

Additionally, we are requesting an update on the status of the EPA's interactions with the Army Corps of Engineers and its Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) at West Lake. The Corps' expertise in this area, as well as the local community's faith in the Corps' FUSRAP mission, makes it an invaluable partner, and we are pleased the EPA has entered into a contract with the Corps. Specifically, we would like to know:

1. In what ways has the EPA made use of FUSRAP since announcing this partnership?
2. Moving forward, how does the EPA plan to continue using this agreement with the Corps regarding the reconsideration of the 2008 Record of Decision?

3. Lastly, what is the status of EPA's second interagency agreement with the Corps?

The situation involving West Lake Landfill remains an important priority, and we will continue to closely monitor developments in this matter. Thank you, in advance, for your prompt reply to these concerns.

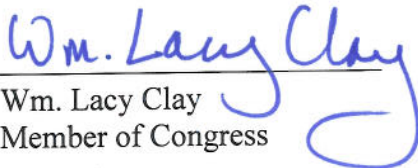
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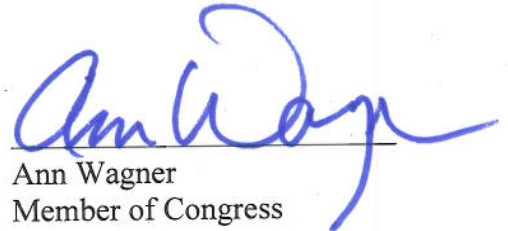
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